

R E M A R K S

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

The allowable matter of claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. The functionality of allowable claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 1, as agreed to by the Examiner in the telephone interview of February 28, 2005. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 14 as suggested by the Examiner in the March 28, 2005 telephone interview. Claim 3 has been amended for consistency with claims 2 and 4. Claim 4 has been amended to reflect the number of claimed steps. Claim 5 has been amended for appropriate antecedent basis with the amended claim 1.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representative, John Ignatowski, spoke with Examiner Torres on March 28, 2005 via telephone regarding the dependency of claim 17. Applicant's representative and the Examiner agreed that a Supplemental Amendment After Final changing the dependency of claim 17 to claim 14 would be considered. No samples were presented. No exhibits were shown.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant has obviated the objection to the drawings submitting a new drawing with the amendment dated January 10, 2005 showing the changes requested by the Examiner in red.

OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

The objection to the preamble of claim 14 for informalities has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. The preamble of claim 14 has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion to advance the prosecution.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 2-5 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, was withdrawn in the February 23, 2005 Advisory.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 14 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Agarwal et al '669 in view of Doshi et al., EP 0942 569 A2 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Agarwal et al. in view of Doshi et al. and Zhu '847 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. The functionality of allowable claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 1, as agreed to by the Examiner in the telephone interview of February 28, 2005. As such, claims 1 and 14 are fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection

should be withdrawn. Claims 2-8 and 17-20 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 14 which are now believed to be allowable. As such, claims 2-8 and 17-20 are fully patentable over the cited references and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Ignatowski", written over a horizontal line.

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